

# Schuylkill Highlands “Mini” Big Sit

Date: Saturday, September 11, 2021

Time: 7 AM – 10 AM

Place: Wherever you like in the Schuylkill Highlands area

Why: Community science effort to gather information for eBird that helps scientists and conservationists around the world make informed decisions to support birds and the places they need

Cost: Free and open to everyone!

How: Register at [pa.audubon.org/MiniSit](https://pa.audubon.org/MiniSit)

Over the last 18 months, dozens of neighbors in 10 townships have partnered with Audubon to plant over 500 native flowers and shrubs on their streamside properties in southern Berks and northern Chester counties. These efforts have helped to improve stream quality, reduce polluted runoff, and make this region a bird-friendly oasis in the heart of the Schuylkill Highlands.

You’ve helped to create a bird-friendly community here through Audubon’s Plants for Birds program and now we invite you to help document the results of that effort. You’re invited to participate in the Schuylkill Highlands “Mini” Big Sit, a free and fun community science event that welcomes everyone.

You can bird from home, your favorite park, or another location that calls to you. You’ll watch and listen for birds over the course of three hours and then load your sightings into [eBird](https://eBird.org), a free and easy-to-use platform for recording – and viewing - bird data. Your data will become part of one of the largest databases in the world and help to inform conservation decisions by scientists, agencies, and non-profits.

Whether you’re birding from your favorite hotspot, counting birds over brunch with your neighbors, or casually keeping track over a cup of morning coffee, you can be a part of this event. Traditional Big Sit events take place over a day or two. The Schuylkill Highlands “Mini” Big Sit is slated for 7-10 AM on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and you are welcome to record your sightings for all or part of the three hours. This event is as flexible as you and we’re excited to have you join in! Sign up for free at [pa.audubon.org/MiniSit](https://pa.audubon.org/MiniSit) and join the fun with your neighbors in the Schuylkill Highlands.

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